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school districts to adopt standards. That was okay when we were testing against the state standard because they would have to have something similar to their own standards in order to prepare for the test on the state standards, but now we've thrown that out. Now we've thrown that out. They don't have to test against the state standards but they have to test against their own standards, but they don't have to have their own standards. The...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...regulation reads: There is no requirement for school districts to adopt standards. School districts may: one, adopt the standards of the state board; two, adopt standards that equal or exceed the academic rigor of the state standards; or, three, not adopt standards. Folks, we need to be honest about what we're doing. This stuff about mandate versus no mandate is a bunch of nonsense because we are trying to mandate the use of some standards. But you can't do that and at the same time not have standards, either at the state level or at the local level. You've got to do one or the other or the whole thing is a farce. And so I'm suggesting to you that we do what, in fact, that we say what in fact we want every school district to do. We want every school district to have standards, and if that's not what we're...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...doing, I guess I would like to understand what it is we are doing. There's no point to going through this large exercise on state standards and local standards and getting all of these teachers and hundreds of school districts engaged in the process of assessments and all that...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...when you don't have a coherent system. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. We are discussing the Beutler amendment, AM3090, to LB 812. Those wishing to speak on the amendment are Senators Stuhr, Bohlke,